

WINNIPEG LABOR LEADER TELLS OF ARREST OF STRIKERS

E. G. Tipping Asks Support of East in Securing Jury Trial

Before a largely attended mass meeting of the labor men of the city in the Seamen's Institute last evening, T. G. Tipping, of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, gave the labor side of the recent strike situation in that city. Mr. Tipping said that his mission to the east was in the interests of labor. He said that the west wants assistance from the east and produced petitions to be distributed among the labor unions of the city asking the members to affix their signatures demanding that the five men arrested during the Winnipeg strike be tried by jury in accordance with British justice and fair play. Fred A. Campbell, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, acted as chairman. On the platform besides the speaker was Peter C. Shearley and Commissioner J. B. Jones.

Mr. Tipping in the course of his remarks, which were quite moderate in tone, said that he was here to lay the facts before the local labor men. The



ONE OF THOSE EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT

strike in Winnipeg originated over the fact that recognition of a union of the metal trade workers in the contract shops was refused as well as an advance in wages for the building trades. The question, however, practically was one of the recognition of the union.

Speaking of incidents of the strike Mr. Tipping said that the police were not called out in sympathy and the bread workers, milk drivers and many others necessary for the sustenance of life were sent back to work by the strike committee. The water pressure of the city was retained and no hospital workers were interfered with. The speaker declared that the police were locked out by the police commission because they refused to sign a statement that they would not

affiliate with any other organization. All but two men refused to sign the petition, he said.

Referring to the shooting which took place during a parade Mr. Tipping assured his hearers that it was done contrary to the strike committee as all those

who were out were well informed not to go against constituted authority.

Demand Fair Trial.

Of the arrest of the five men charged with seditious conspiracy he said that the government proposed to deport these men under an amendment to the immigration act recently put through parliament. Mr. Tipping said that one of those arrested was a returned soldier, another was a soldier in uniform, one was a student of the Manitoba University, who had been secretary of the Jewish war relief fund, and one was an editor of a Russian paper which had been published through authority granted by the dominion government.

These men were now refused trial by jury while the labor men of the west with the assistance of those in the east were demanding that trial by jury be given these men. There was nothing extraordinary in the demand as it was British justice and British fair play that every man arrested on any charge be given a trial by jury. There was nothing to be hidden and the best way to place the responsibility was through the medium of the courts. It was a natural right that could not be refused. His mission to the east in part was to secure signatures to a petition, which in turn would be handed on to the minister of justice, asking that fair play be granted these five men and that they be granted a public trial. Even an alien enemy, said Mr. Tipping, gets a trial for an offence. The right of bail was also refused, he explained, and which should be allowed.

Helped to Feed Hungry.

He touched on the hardships encountered during the six weeks of strike when more than 2,000 girls were fed by the strike committee. He said that labor men in this part of the country had an opportunity to help the west and help especially to conduct the defence of those under arrest. Mr. Tipping said he would not ask the meeting to endorse the strike but he merely wanted assistance from the labor organizations to bring out the justice of their cause.

He styled it part of the great struggle of the working classes and said that he was glad the strike occurred as it demonstrated clearly that labor was no longer docile and now instead of saying "Please give us this or that" labor could stand up before the masses and say "We demand the right of recognition."

Mr. Campbell made a few remarks and said that he was glad to hear Mr. Tipping's address as it gave the labor men of St. John the truth of the situation in the west which had not been received through the daily press. He said the voting of money for the help of western labor was a matter for the local unions to decide themselves. He favored the signing of the petition demanding trial by jury for those under arrest.

In reply to a question from the audience relative to literature being distributed at the meeting and dated from Winnipeg Mr. Tipping said that he had no direct information but that they must be given any. In answer to another question as to what part the minister of labor took in the recent Winnipeg strike Mr. Tipping said that a year ago he came to Winnipeg and stepping over the heads of the city council said that they must recognize organized labor. In the events of the last few weeks he had changed his attitude.

John O'Brien in the course of a few remarks referred to literature that had flooded this country when a strike was on here. He also touched on the state-

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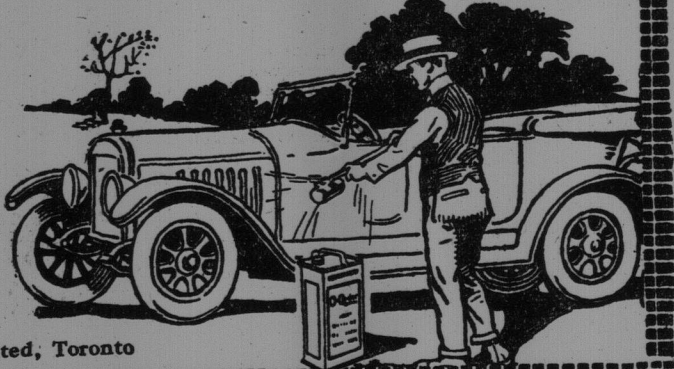
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ment of a man who was prepared to run for parliament for this constituency who said that "every strike-breaker should be placed in the front line trenches."

Mr. Sharkey moved a vote of thanks during the course of which he said the speaker's remarks gave the labor men here the true state of affairs that existed in Winnipeg and which were really never published. He said that British fair play should be exercised in Winnipeg, in St. John and through the whole of the dominion just the same as in the old country.

The vote of thanks was seconded and passed along by the chairman to Mr. Tipping.

The petitions asking that the five men under arrest be tried by jury were passed around and many placed their signatures.

The petitions were distributed and will be brought before the local unions. The matter of financial assistance will also come before the unions of the city although some contributions of money were given last night. Mr. Tipping will leave today at noon for Moncton.

COAL TO COST CONSUMER SIX SHILLINGS MORE

Granting of Miners' Demands Creates Serious Situation in Old Country.

London, July 9.—Announcement by Sir Auckland Geddes, the minister of reconstruction, in the house of commons today that the government had decided to raise the price of coal to the consumer by six shillings a ton on July 16 caused a sensation among the members.

Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, intervening in the proceedings, said the government recognized the seriousness of the coal situation and that debate on it would take place Monday next.

In making his announcement Sir Auckland said it was hoped that the increased cost of six shillings would meet the increased cost of the payment of hours and the reduced shift. This increased cost of fuel, he pointed out, obviously would seriously hamper manufacturing and export business. Its effect undoubtedly would be very serious upon the Lancashire manufacturing concerns, he added.

The minister also pointed out that the profits of the colliery owners would be limited in accordance with the report of the Sankey mining commission, to one shilling and two pence per ton.

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Sydney, N. S., July 9.—The opening session of the 69th annual convention of the United Baptist Union, began in the United Baptist church here this morning at 9.30. Considerable important business was transacted among which was the appointment of the new officers of the association who are as follows:

Moderator, E. C. Whitman, of Canis; vice-moderator, Rev. A. Allan, of Glace Bay; clerk, Rev. A. Gibson, assistant clerk, Rev. W. Z. Heister, and treasurer, A. W. Fawcett, of Sydney. Three new ministers were welcomed to the association who are Rev. E. S. Mason, Rev. G. Bolster and Rev. J. W. Sweetman.

Renewal licenses were granted to Clarence Lumsden, L. S. Benzanson and also to Mr. Salsman, who was removed to the western association and Mr. Aylings, who has removed to the central district. Rev. Geo. F. Bolster, leader of the devotional

services gave an inspiring address after which reports were received from C. S. Sterns on denominational funds and Rev. J. T. Hutton on denominational literature.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

The Temple Band will play on the King Square bandstand this evening. Under the leadership of Bandmaster F. N. McNichol, the following programme will be rendered: O Canada; march, Todesk, Hall; overture, Debutante; Myer's; serenade, Twilight Echoes; Miller; waltz, Olivette, Rockwell; fox-trot, Hindustan; Wallace; selection, Songs of the Day; Hayes; march, Viscount Nelson; Zelle; waltz, I'm Sorry I Made You Cry; Clessi; selection, Echoes from the Operas; Beyer; march, The Middy, Alford. God Save the King.

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